

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

D-1, CHRISTIAN MAIRE,
D-2, ARTHUR SIMPATICO,
D-3, JONATHAN NEGRONI
RODRIGUEZ,
D-4, MICHAL FIGURA,
D-5, ODELL ORTEGA,
D-6, BRETT JONATHAN SINTA,
D-7, CALEB YOUNG,
D-8, DANIEL WALTON,
D-9, WILLIAM T. PHILLIPS,

Defendants.

Case:5:18-cr-20128

Judge: Levy, Judith E.

MJ: Grand, David R.

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VIOL: 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(g)

18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)

18 U.S.C. § 2251(e)

18 U.S.C. § 2422(b)

18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2)

18 U.S.C. § 2252A(b)(1)

18 U.S.C. § 2253

18 U.S.C. § 2

18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(B)

18 U.S.C. § 2252A(b)(2)

INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

At all times in this Indictment:

1. Minor Victim 1 (hereinafter "MV-1") was a resident of the Eastern District of Michigan and was a girl under the age of 18.
2. Minor Victim 2 (hereinafter "MV-2") was a resident of Canada and was a girl under the age of 18.
3. Minor Victim 6 (hereinafter "MV-6") was a resident of the Northern District of Oklahoma and was a girl under the age of 18.
4. During the time periods covered in this Indictment, starting as far back as January of 2012, CHRISTIAN MAIRE, ARTHUR SIMPATICO, JONATHAN NEGRONI RODRIGUEZ, MICHAL FIGURA, ODELL ORTEGA, BRETT JONATHAN SINTA, CALEB YOUNG, DANIEL WALTON, and WILLIAM T. PHILLIPS, worked together in a group, with others both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to convince and attempt to convince minor victims, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to engage in sexually explicit conduct, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(2), on web camera and to record this sexually explicit conduct. Specifically, CHRISTIAN MAIRE, ARTHUR SIMPATICO, JONATHAN NEGRONI RODRIGUEZ, MICHAL FIGURA, ODELL ORTEGA, BRETT JONATHAN SINTA, CALEB YOUNG, DANIEL

WALTON, and WILLIAM T. PHILLIPS, and others both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, conspired together through chat discussions over the Internet to lure minor victims to one or more chatroom-based websites. Once the minor victims appeared in these chatroom-based websites, CHRISTIAN MAIRE, ARTHUR SIMPATICO, JONATHAN NEGRONI RODRIGUEZ, MICHAL FIGURA, ODELL ORTEGA, BRETT JONATHAN SINTA, CALEB YOUNG, DANIEL WALTON, and WILLIAM T. PHILLIPS, and others both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, enticed and attempted to entice the minor victims to engage in sexual acts, and to lasciviously display their genitals and pubic area, on web camera.

5. During portions of the time period covered by the Indictment, including in late December of 2015, Defendant BRETT JONATHAN SINTA participated in the group activity described in paragraph 4 from one or more residences in the Eastern District of Michigan. During these time periods, SINTA worked with other group members to target MV-2 and MV-6.

COUNT ONE

(Child Exploitation Enterprise, 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(g))

D-1, CHRISTIAN MAIRE,
D-2, ARTHUR SIMPATICO,
D-3, JONATHAN NEGRONI RODRIGUEZ,
D-4, MICHAL FIGURA,
D-5, ODELL ORTEGA,
D-6, BRETT JONATHAN SINTA,
D-7, CALEB YOUNG,
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Paragraphs 1-5 of this Indictment are hereby incorporated by reference.

Between the dates of January 1, 2012 and October 23, 2017, in the Eastern District of Michigan, and elsewhere, the defendants, CHRISTIAN MAIRE, ARTHUR SIMPATICO, JONATHAN NEGRONI RODRIGUEZ, MICHAL FIGURA, ODELL ORTEGA, BRETT JONATHAN SINTA, CALEB YOUNG, DANIEL WALTON, and WILLIAM T. PHILLIPS, and others both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, knowingly engaged in a child exploitation enterprise by violating Chapters 110 and 117 of Title 18 of the United States Code (specifically 18 U.S.C § 2251, 18 U.S.C § 2422(b), and 18 U.S.C. § 2252A), as a part of a series of felony violations constituting three or more separate incidents and involving more than one minor victim, including, but not limited to, offenses which are described in Counts TWO through TEN of this Indictment, and committed those offenses in concert with three or more other persons; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(g).

COUNT TWO

(Conspiracy to Produce Child Pornography, 18 U.S.C §§ 2251(a), 2251(e))

D-1, CHRISTIAN MAIRE,
D-2, ARTHUR SIMPATICO,
D-3, JONATHAN NEGRONI RODRIGUEZ,
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and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer; and such visual depiction was transported and transmitted using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2251(a), (e).

COUNT THREE

(Production of Child Pornography, 18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 2251(a))

D-1, CHRISTIAN MAIRE,
D-2, ARTHUR SIMPATICO,
D-3, JONATHAN NEGRONI RODRIGUEZ,
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On or about June 28, 2015 through March of 2017, in the Eastern District of Michigan, and elsewhere, the defendants, CHRISTIAN MAIRE, ARTHUR SIMPATICO, JONATHAN NEGRONI RODRIGUEZ, ODELL ORTEGA, BRETT JONATHAN SINTA, CALEB YOUNG, DANIEL WALTON, and WILLIAM T. PHILLIPS, and others both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, attempted to and did knowingly employ, use, persuade, induce, entice, and coerce a minor, to wit: MV-1, to engage in sexually explicit conduct, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(2), for the purpose of producing any visual depiction of such conduct and transmitting a live visual depiction of such conduct, knowing and having reason to know that such visual depiction would be transported and transmitted using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce; such visual depiction was produced and transmitted using materials that have been mailed, shipped, and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer; and such visual

depiction was transported and transmitted using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2, 2251(a), (e).

COUNT FOUR

(Coercion and Enticement of a Minor 18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 2422(b)).

D-1, CHRISTIAN MAIRE,
D-2, ARTHUR SIMPATICO,
D-3, JONATHAN NEGRONI RODRIGUEZ,
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COUNT FIVE

(Production of Child Pornography, 18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 2251(a))

D-1, CHRISTIAN MAIRE,
D-2, ARTHUR SIMPATICO,
D-3, JONATHAN NEGRONI RODRIGUEZ,
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D-9, WILLIAM T. PHILLIPS

On or about October 6, 2014 through October 23, 2017, in the Eastern District of Michigan, and elsewhere, the defendants, CHRISTIAN MAIRE, ARTHUR SIMPATICO, JONATHAN NEGRONI RODRIGUEZ, MICHAL FIGURA, ODELL ORTEGA, BRETT JONATHAN SINTA, CALEB YOUNG, DANIEL WALTON, and WILLIAM T. PHILLIPS, and others both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, attempted to and did knowingly employ, use, persuade, induce, entice, and coerce a minor, to wit: MV-2, to engage in sexually explicit conduct, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(2), for the purpose of producing any visual depiction of such conduct and transmitting a live visual depiction of such conduct, knowing and having reason to know that such visual depiction would be transported and transmitted using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce; such visual depiction was produced and transmitted using materials that have been mailed, shipped, and

transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer; and such visual depiction was transported and transmitted using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2, 2251(a), (e).

COUNT SIX

(Coercion and Enticement of a Minor 18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 2422(b)).

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COUNT SEVEN

(Production of Child Pornography, 18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 2251(a))

D-1, CHRISTIAN MAIRE,
D-2, ARTHUR SIMPATICO,
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On or about December 13, 2014 through on or about March 31, 2016, in the Eastern District of Michigan, and elsewhere, the defendants, CHRISTIAN MAIRE, ARTHUR SIMPATICO, JONATHAN NEGRONI RODRIGUEZ, MICHAL FIGURA, ODELL ORTEGA, BRETT JONATHAN SINTA, CALEB YOUNG, DANIEL WALTON, and WILLIAM T. PHILLIPS, and others both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, attempted to and did knowingly employ, use, persuade, induce, entice, and coerce a minor, to wit: MV-6, to engage in sexually explicit conduct, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(2), for the purpose of producing any visual depiction of such conduct and transmitting a live visual depiction of such conduct, knowing and having reason to know that such visual depiction would be transported and transmitted using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce; such visual depiction was produced and transmitted using materials that have been mailed, shipped, and

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COUNT EIGHT

(Coercion and Enticement of a Minor 18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 2422(b)).

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COUNT NINE

(Conspiracy Receipt of Child Pornography, 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252A(a)(2),
2252A(b)(1))

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COUNT TEN

(Conspiracy Access with Intent to View Child Pornography 18 U.S.C. §§
2252A(a)(5)(B), 2252A(b)(2))

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commerce by any means, including by computer, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(5)(B) & 2252(A)(b)(2).

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

1. The allegations of this Indictment are re-alleged as if fully set forth here, for the purpose of alleging forfeiture, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253 and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2428.

2. If convicted of an offense charged and set forth above, CHRISTIAN MAIRE, ARTHUR SIMPATICO, JONATHAN NEGRONI RODRIGUEZ, MICHAL FIGURA, ODELL ORTEGA, BRETT JONATHAN SINTA, CALEB YOUNG, DANIEL WALTON, and WILLIAM T. PHILLIPS, shall forfeit to the United States any and all materials and property used and intended to be used in the distribution, possession, and transportation of visual depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct, and any and all property, real or personal, constituting or traceable to gross profits or other proceeds obtained from the offense.

THIS IS A TRUE BILL.

s/ Grand Jury Foreperson
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Companion Case Information	Companion Case Number: 17-20632
This may be a companion case based upon LCrR 57.10 (b)(4) ¹ :	Judge Assigned: Murphy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	AUSA's Initials: <i>QR</i>

Case Title: USA v. Christian Maire, et al.

County where offense occurred : Oakland and elsewhere

Check One: ☒ **Felony** ☐ **Misdemeanor** ☐ **Petty**

☐ Indictment/ ☐ Information --- no prior complaint.
☒ Indictment/ ☐ Information --- based upon prior complaint [Case number: *SEE ATTACHED]
☐ Indictment/ ☐ Information --- based upon LCrR 57.10 (d) [Complete Superseding section below].

Superseding Case Information

Superseding to Case No: _____ **Judge:** _____

- ☐ Corrects errors; no additional charges or defendants.
☐ Involves, for plea purposes, different charges or adds counts.
☐ Embraces same subject matter but adds the additional defendants or charges below:

Defendant name

Charges

Prior Complaint (if applicable)

Please take notice that the below listed Assistant United States Attorney is the attorney of record for the above captioned case.

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¹ Companion cases are matters in which it appears that (1) substantially similar evidence will be offered at trial, or (2) the same or related parties are present, and the cases arise out of the same transaction or occurrence. Cases may be companion cases even though one of them may have already been terminated.

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D-4 Michal Figura	17-mj-30561
D-5 Odel Ortega	17-mj-30558
D-6 Brett Jonathan Sinta	17-mj-30560
D-7 Caleb Young	17-mj-30583
D-8 Daniel Walton	17-mj-30564
D-9 Williams T. Phillips	17-cr-20632